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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the Month of October, 1949.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 31st March, 1949 was estimated to be 525,857, comprising 269,912 Males and 255,945 Females.

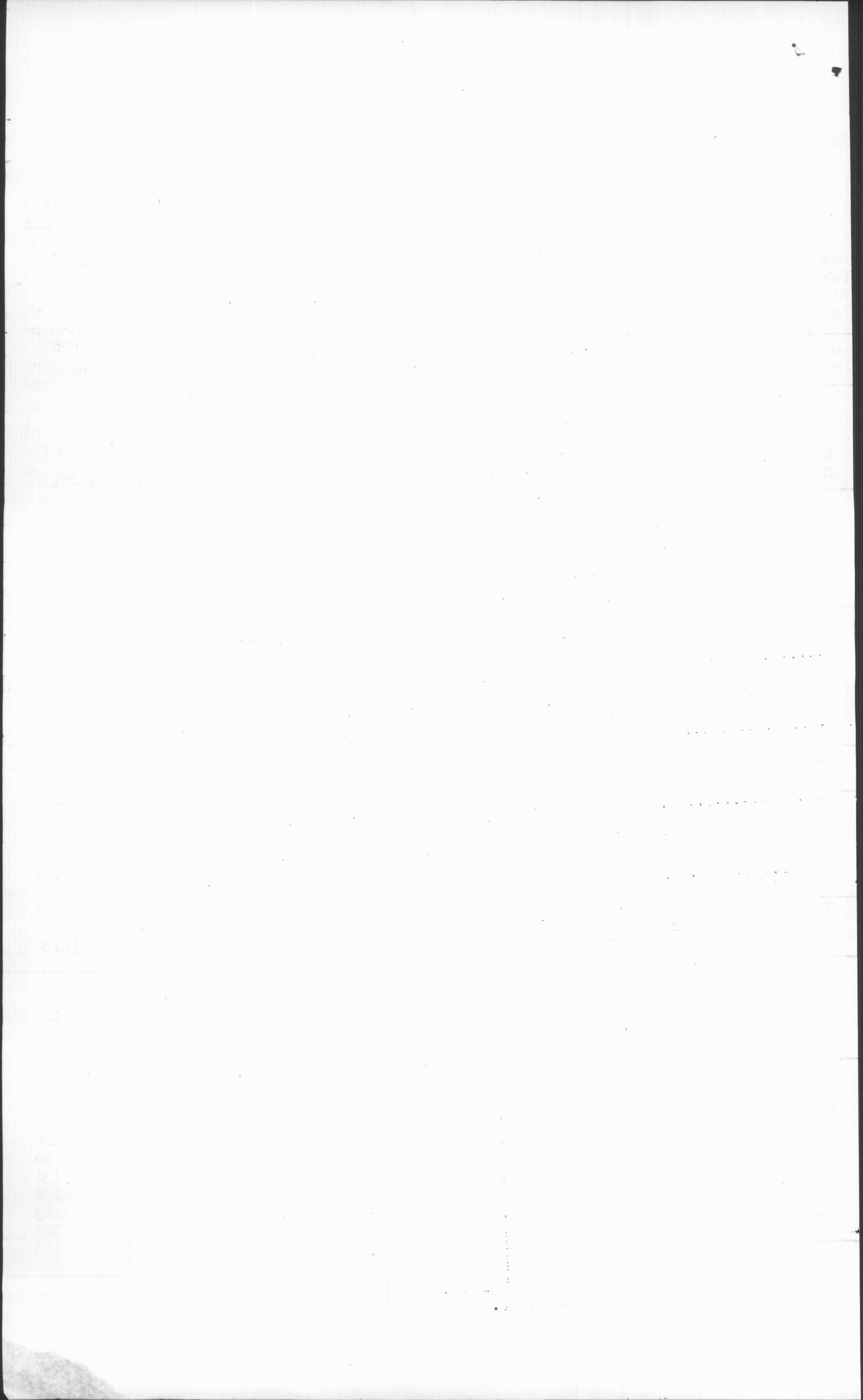
On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No. * Rate per 1000 of Population	397	380	3,609	3,785
Births.....No. * Rate per 1000 of Population	1,150	1,120	9,990	9,650
Deaths.....No. * Rate per 1000 of Population	471	426	3,614	3,579
Infant Mortality.....No. Rate per 1000 Live Births	19	32	256	254
	16.52	28.57	25.63	26.32
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	12	10	99	125
Cancer	63	55	513	478
Influenza	2	6	11	18
Diphtheria	1	1	4	6
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	38	34	338	317
Arteriosclerosis	12	12	118	108
Diseases of the Heart	165	143	1,142	1,085
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	27	31	177	228
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	2	2	31	19
Nephritis	19	15	108	131
Diseases of Early Infancy	16	17	159	139
Senility	5	10	59	63
Accidents	32	25	239	209
All Other Causes	77	65	616	653
TOTAL	471	426	3,614	3,579

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

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LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, totalled 648,626 acres, a decrease of 104,323 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,032,463 acres, a decrease of 2,796,905 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	1,666,192	1,315,753	6,661,317	5,576,133
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 2. 6d.	£2.10. 9d.	£12.10.5d.	£10.15. 7d.
Expenditure	1,844,522	1,560,382	7,421,631	6,503,875
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 2d.	£3. 0. 2d.	£13.19.0d.	£12.11. 6d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 31st October amounted to £38,384,178 or £71.17.7d. per head of population as against £36,343,439 or £69.19.8d. per head as at the 31st October last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 26th October, 1949 amounted to £6,895,842 compared with £5,889,205 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers	No. 1,775	£ 1,521,137	1,742 727,619	6,993 4,941,785
Mortgages	No. 1,020	£ 1,198,420	831 772,829	4,139 4,863,123
Discharges of Mortgages	No. 806	£	728	3,448

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Period	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is not Payable (Gross)		
Year ended 30th June, 1948	£ 14,870,843	£ 11,013,911	£ 37,726,747	£ 1,812,929
Year ended 30th June, 1949	18,522,779	11,694,334	45,148,825	2,085,203
Month of October, 1949	1,739,245	941,613	3,523,091	187,713
Month of October, 1948	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
Four Months to October, 1949	6,644,992	4,003,553	15,323,891	755,828
Four Months to October, 1948	5,573,125	3,793,410	14,613,968	647,264

COMPANIES REGISTERED.

39 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,327,000 and 21 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 51 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,179,500 and 22 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	4 Months ended OCTOBER					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	8	5,417	996	8	4,911	1,125
Deeds of Assignment(a)	11	37,674	18,258	5	23,849	16,184
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

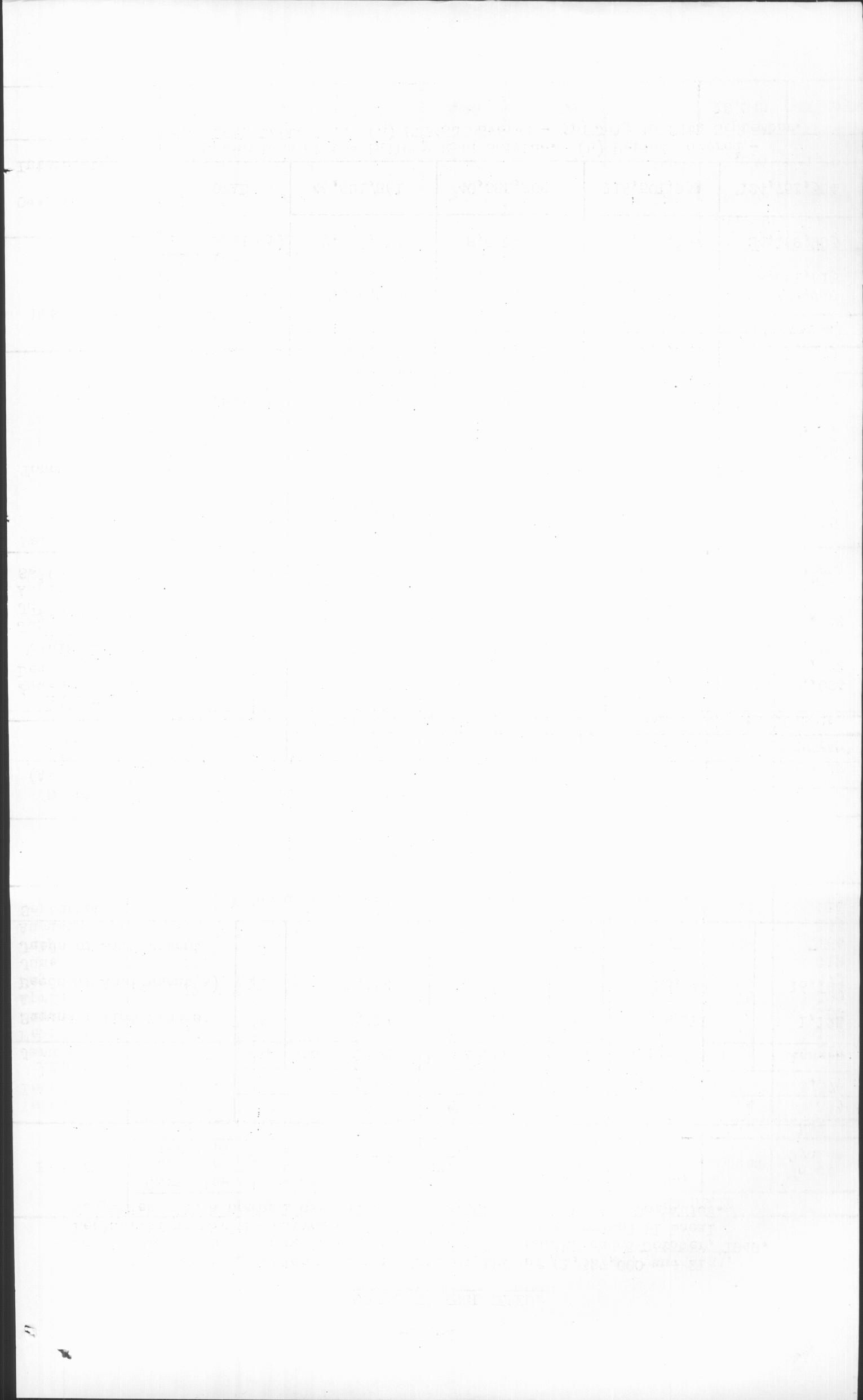
(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Gross Earnings (a)	£ 557,100	437,000	1,386,700	1,224,100
Working Expenses (a)	£ 601,101	537,896	1,773,528	1,632,278
Train Miles Run	No. 565,183	602,854	1,490,606	1,789,468
Motor Bus Miles Run	No. (b) 91,677	74,330	(c) 254,903	216,259
Passenger Journeys -				
Train	No. 1,104,742	1,218,923	2,712,974	3,220,255
Motor Bus	No. 37,134	25,761	107,607	70,827
Tonnage Carried -				
Paying Goods		244,135	620,275	643,886
Livestock		12,909	31,092	40,966
Departmental (Free Freight)		47,545	50,677	150,497
	TOTAL	304,589	269,653	772,514
				835,349
Net Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods		37,554,789	30,277,767	93,419,351
Livestock		1,930,455	2,234,522	4,946,390
Departmental (Free Freight)		7,336,617	8,070,519	18,136,197
	TOTAL	46,821,861	40,582,808	116,501,938
				124,751,384

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service. (b) Period covered - 4 weeks ended 24th September. (c) Period covered - 3rd July to 24th September.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (Including Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1947	1,224	519	40	593	2,066	1,685	54	883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
<u>1949 -</u>								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160
April	181	95	10	107	348	265	18	190
May	235	106	7	100	471	282	14	179
June	277	94	5	85	415	191	7	112
July	234	53	11	73	597	328	28	164
August	285	89	8	69	562	291	11	133
September	256	93	7	113	533	282	13	216

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

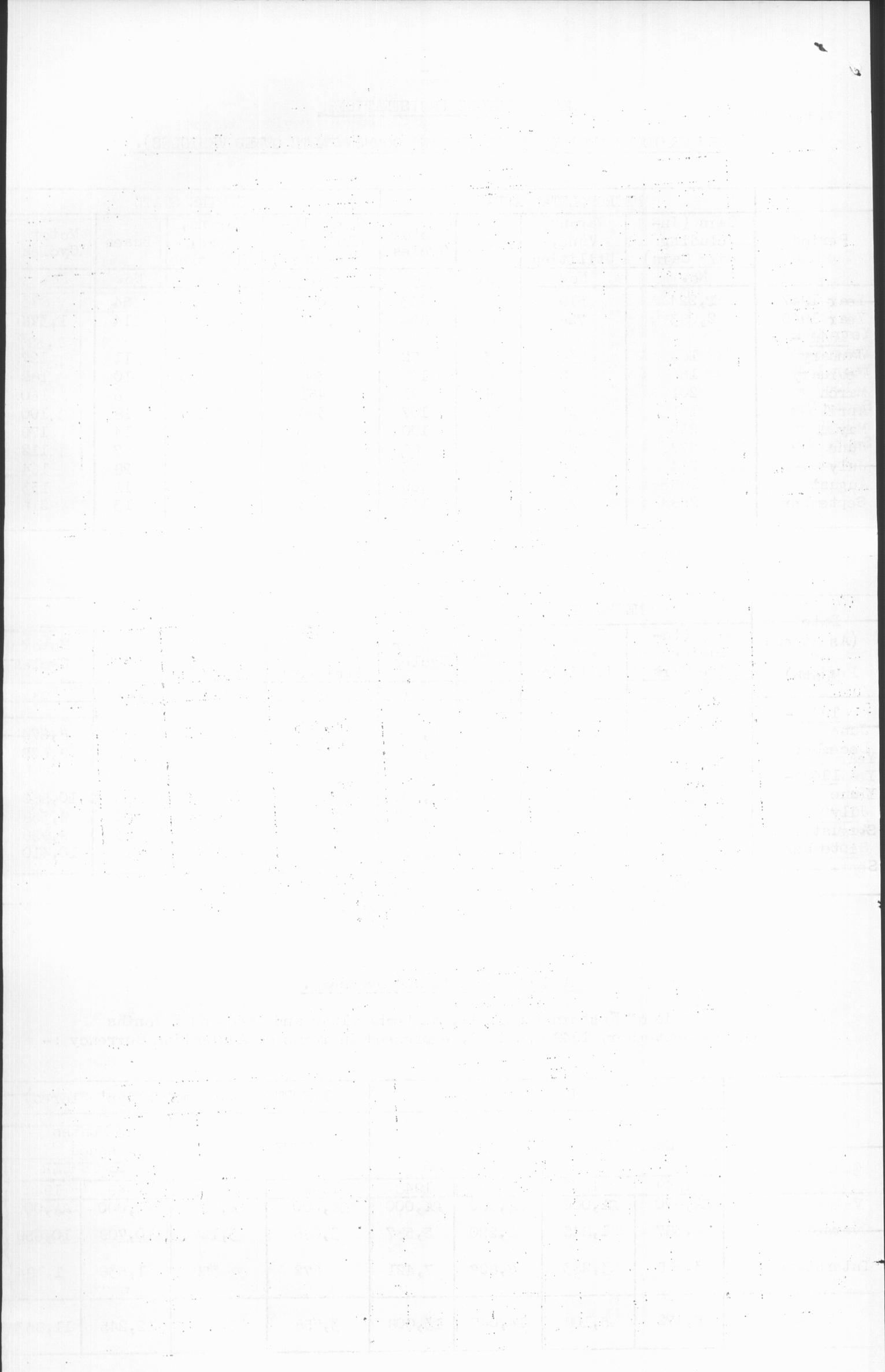
Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1948 -</u>								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
<u>1949 -</u>								
June	24,327	11,183	354	6,339	40,057	37,533	638	10,582
July	25,008	11,522	362	6,508	38,226	32,932	670	9,358
August	25,035	11,519	367	6,562	39,865	35,892	693	9,956
September	25,108	11,582	380	6,715	40,675	37,036	718	10,410

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for September, 1949 - 131 Cars; 586 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 10 Buses and 2 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, September, 1949 and 1948 and 3 Months ending September, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian Currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		3 Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
Oversea	2,387	1,845	6,220	5,587	3,086	3,127	10,709	10,659
Interstate	3,085	3,263	7,827	7,421	672	359	1,536	1,194
TOTAL	5,472	5,108	14,047	13,008	3,758	3,486	12,245	11,853



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1948 -										
Sept. Qr. 1949 -	96	62	631	765	22	80	53	134	802	1,041
Sept. Qr.	223	190	633	912	12	35	66	178	934	1,315

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1948 -										
Sept. Qr. 1949 -	310	433	81	65	323	315	10	8	724	821
Sept. Qr.	391	592	61	52	385	417	17	17	854	1,078

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

2,121,059 lbs. were produced during September, 1949 and 5,491,376 lbs. for the three months ended September, 1949, as against 2,170,052 lbs. and 5,494,545 lbs. respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	OCTOBER		10 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	53,526	52,542	527,375	549,633
Value (Aust. Currency) £	829,071	565,480	6,241,606	5,915,429

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the ten months ended October, 1949, amounted to £461,391. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £526,939.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1948 -									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
1949 -									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95
May (a)	34	3	37	39	3	42	86	4	90
June (a)	61	7	68	47	4	51	100	7	107

(a) Subject to Revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State				
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
24th October, 1949	6. 15. 11.	3. 13. 5.		6. 15. 4.	3. 13. 1.		7. 2. 11.	3. 17. 2.	

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,914		18,990	68,636
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,500		16,157	57,708

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1949	5,675	504	146,885	9,798
October, 1948	7,012	814	188,520	9,389
10 Months ended October, 1949	93,741	4,307	650,644	89,338
10 Months ended October, 1948	90,420	4,016	674,767	93,390

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician).

	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
<u>1949 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116
Mar. (a)	63	-	53	67	2	69	99	1	100
April (a)	59	5	64	67	2	69	91	4	95
May (a)	34	3	37	39	3	42	86	4	90
June (a)	61	7	68	47	4	51	100	7	107

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STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and rest of State				
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
24th October, 1949	6.	15.	11.	3.	13.	5.	6.	15.	4.
	3.	13.	1.	3.	13.	1.	7.	2.	11.
							3.	17.	2.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station).

	OCTOBER		4 Months ended OCTOBER	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,914	18,990	68,636	78,884
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,500	16,157	57,708	67,640

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
October, 1949	5,675	504	146,885	9,798
October, 1948	7,012	814	188,520	9,389
10 Months ended October, 1949	93,741	4,307	650,644	89,338
10 Months ended October, 1948	90,420	4,016	674,767	93,390

COST OF PRODUCTION		COST OF PRODUCTION		COST OF PRODUCTION	
ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT	ITEM	AMOUNT
Wages	\$1,000.00	Wages	\$1,000.00	Wages	\$1,000.00
Material	\$1,000.00	Material	\$1,000.00	Material	\$1,000.00
Utilities	\$100.00	Utilities	\$100.00	Utilities	\$100.00
Equipment	\$1,000.00	Equipment	\$1,000.00	Equipment	\$1,000.00
Transportation	\$100.00	Transportation	\$100.00	Transportation	\$100.00
Supplies	\$100.00	Supplies	\$100.00	Supplies	\$100.00
Total Cost	\$3,100.00	Total Cost	\$3,100.00	Total Cost	\$3,100.00
Total Revenue		Total Revenue		Total Revenue	
Product A	\$3,000.00	Product B	\$3,000.00	Product C	\$3,000.00
Profit Margin	\$100.00	Profit Margin	\$100.00	Profit Margin	\$100.00
Total Profit	\$100.00	Total Profit	\$100.00	Total Profit	\$100.00